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Specification

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: the limitation "wherein the at least one gate electrode is above or beneath the semiconductor layer containing the gate insulating film" in claim 8 is not defined in the originally filed disclosure. Note that only "the at least one gate electrode is beneath the semiconductor layer contacting the gate insulating film" is defined as shown in figure 1(a) of the instant application.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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Claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8-11 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,593,977 B2 in view of Tanaka et al. (US 5,892,244).

Regarding claim 1, claims 1 and 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,593,977 B2 disclose all the structure set forth in the claimed invention except said semiconductor layer being located so as to contact said gate insulating film only at regions acting as channel regions of the IC card apparatus. However, Tanaka et al. discloses in figure 3 said semiconductor layer 4 (col. 4, lines 38-39) being located so as to contact said gate insulating film 3 (col. 4, line 35) only at regions acting as channel regions of the IC card apparatus. In view of such teaching, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify claims 1 and 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,593,977 B2 by having said semiconductor layer being located so as to contact said gate insulating film only at regions acting as channel regions of the IC card apparatus to highly modulate a current flowing between the source and drain with a gate voltage (col. 3, lines 10-11, Tanaka et al.).

Regarding claim 2, claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,593,977 B2 discloses the semiconductor layer is an organic semiconductor layer.

Regarding claim 4, claim 4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,593,977 B2 discloses the substrate is a plastic substrate.

Regarding claim 5, claim 5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,593,977 B2 discloses the plastic substrate is made of polymer material.

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Regarding claim 6, claim 6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,593,977 B2 discloses the channel region has a size which is a same size as a gate electrode of the at least one gate electrode.

Regarding claim 11, claims 1 and 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,593,977 B2 disclose all the structure set forth in the claimed invention except said semiconductor layer being located so as to contact said gate insulating film only at regions acting as channel regions of the IC card apparatus. However, Tanaka et al. discloses in figure 3 said semiconductor layer 4 (col. 4, lines 38-39) being located so as to contact said gate insulating film 3 (col. 4, line 35) only at regions acting as channel regions of the IC card apparatus. In view of such teaching, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify claims 1 and 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,593,977 B2 by having said semiconductor layer being located so as to contact said gate insulating film only at regions acting as channel regions of the IC card apparatus to highly modulate a current flowing between the source and drain with a gate voltage (col. 3, lines 10-11, Tanaka et al.).

Regarding claim 8, Tanaka et al. discloses in figure 3 the channel regions are between respective source and drain electrodes 5, 6 (col. 4, lines 34-36) of the at least one source electrode and the at least one drain electrode, wherein the respective source and drain electrodes contact opposite ends of the semiconductor layer 4 contacting the gate insulating film 3, and wherein the at least one gate electrode 2 (col. 4, line 22) is beneath the semiconductor layer contacting the gate insulating film.

Regarding claim 9, claim 6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,593,977 B2 discloses the channel region has a size which is a same size as a gate electrode of the at least one gate electrode.

Regarding claim 10, claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,593,977 B2 discloses the semiconductor layer is an organic semiconductor layer.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8-11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1734. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30 am- 4:30 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached on (571) 272-1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300 for regular communications.

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